

KIDNAPED CHILD NOW IN RACINE

Mystery surrounds the disappearance of 6-year-old Pauline Pillman, taken from her home at 712 Madison ave., early Thursday morning. Her kidnappers who were found by the chief of police, who notified Chief O'Donnell of Chicago, that the child was taken from there on Wednesday afternoon. The father, Frank Pillman, who was working on the case, says that the mother, the former Mrs. Pillman, was given the legal custody of the child on a court order, and that the child was neglected to pay his former alimony which the court had ordered and that he also failed to support the child.

According to statements made by Mrs. Crocker, the former wife of the man, she had sent the child to school on Wednesday afternoon, and when Pauline failed to come home, she made an investigation and found that the child had been spirited away by the father to East Chicago.

Mrs. Crocker then secured the help of the two other women and a man and they pooled their money and hired a taxi at Racine and motored to East Chicago.

They arrived here late Wednesday evening and not knowing the address of the father, who had taken the child from the school, had waited until day light.

As the father, Frank Pillman left for his work, the four people went to the apartment occupied by the Pillman family at 712 Chicago avenue and upon wrapping at the door and getting no response, decided to walk in.

They pushed open the door and demanded the child who had started to cry. The present Mrs. Pillman refused to give the child up and an argument arose. One of the women is alleged to have drawn a revolver, while another picked up the crying child and ran down the steps and over to the waiting taxi. In the meantime, Mrs. Pillman, who was making a vain attempt to get the child, was knocked down by the man, who is believed to be a Charles White, husband of one of the kidnappers party.

The substance of the whole affair now is that the supposed kidnapping party have turned around and have made information against the father charging him with kidnapping.

The three women and the man are at Racine, but have not been placed under arrest.

JAPS ARE DISTRUSTED BY CHINA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Distrust of Japan is mainly responsible for the distrust on the part of China in the new consortium organized by the U. S., Great Britain, France and Japan for the financial assistance offered to China, according to Chinese here.

This feeling of distrust, these officials said today, has caused the Chinese delegation at the league of nations conference in Geneva, to misconstrue the statement of Baron Hayashi, Japanese ambassador to Great Britain, that the U. S. is "in accord with Great Britain and France as to the future policy of the powers toward China."

Hayashi, they insist, had referred to the new financial agreement, and not to any general political policy.

The note of inquiry as to America's attitude reported yesterday from Geneva to have been despatched by Dr. Wellington Koo, head of the Chinese delegation, has not yet been received at the state department.

The state department explained that it negotiated the agreement in the belief that the interests of the Chinese would best be served by co-operative action of the four powers in making loans to the Chinese government for the construction of roads, railways and telegraphs. It thus hoped, according to its official announcement, to assist the Chinese peoples in their efforts toward a greater unity and to offer to individual enterprise of all nationalities equal opportunity and a wide field of activity in the economic development of China.

DID HARDING OFFER HUGHES POST?

That is the Question Which Politicians are Asking Each Other Today

BY JACK ROYLE

STAFF SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (Special) MARION, O., Dec. 11.—Did President Harding offer for Charles Evans Hughes the post of secretary of state? This is the question which is agitating political Marion today. Senator Harding and former Justice Hughes were in each other's company constantly from the time Mr. Hughes arrived until he departed. None had the temerity to ask Mr. Hughes whether he had been tendered the post, in the presence of the man who has the disposal of the office.

Justice Hughes was all smiles when he and Senator Harding left for Columbus together. The senator seemed equally well pleased with the result of the conference. Harry M. Dougherty, the Harding pre-convention campaign manager, probably knows. He is known to be close in the councils of the president-elect and he traveled east on the same train with Justice Hughes—at least so far as Harrisburg, Mr. Dougherty, however, when asked earlier in the week about the cabinet situation, expressed himself as follows: "I do not know, and if I did know I would not tell without express permission from Senator Harding."

Mr. Hughes' last statement, issued after his interview, was interpreted by many as indicating that an accord has been reached on the outline of a foreign policy and that Mr. Hughes had been selected to carry out its provisions. It is known that he has been under consideration for a cabinet post. It is not known whether he wishes or would accept such a position.

Another question which is arousing interest here is whether Col. George Harvey will be present at the conference between Senator Harding and Herbert Hoover. Col. Harvey still is a guest at the Harding home and Mr. Hoover is expected Sunday.

BOTH PLEAD GUILTY

Clem Brooks and Ruben Battle, two negroes who were arrested yesterday by Hammond police for smashing the window of the Lesser jewelry store and stealing two revolvers, were arraigned this morning in the city court. Both men entered pleas of guilty to the charge of grand larceny and were bound over to the criminal court. The arrest of Brooks was made a short time after the burglary by Officer Beasley in the north part of the city. He confessed and gave the police the name of Battle who was picked up later.

PUBLISHER LEAVES ON LONG TRIP

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—W. D. Boyce, author and publisher of Chicago and Indianapolis, who aroused the interest of the scientific world a decade ago, when he brought back from old Mexico a band of cliff and cave dwellers who had long been lost to civilization, left Chicago today for Vancouver, British Columbia, on the first leg of a 50,000 mile trip to the little known islands of the South Seas and about New Zealand and Australia in search of material for articles and books.

Novelty will be introduced into the latest venture of the widely known traveler by the use of airplanes which will be used to reach the desert and outlying districts of Australia and the islands of the antipodes.

With the completion of the voyage on which Boyce leaves today he will have covered virtually all the known territory on the face of the globe. "Illustrated South America," and "United States Colonies and Dependencies," have been numbered among the results of Boyce's travels.

BANKERS BOOST 1921 COTTON

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Secretaries of the 13 Southern Bankers' associations in annual meeting here yesterday, joined in the campaign of other organizations to reduce next year's cotton yield in the south. They also pledged support and co-operation in any similar movement for the production of other agricultural products in the south.

WOMAN HIT BY AUTO

Sadie Washington, a Gary colored woman, residing at 1720 Connecticut street, was painfully injured last night when she was run down by a wreckless driver at the corner of 17th avenue and Broadway. Walter Buback, 1639

Delaware street, the driver of the car was arrested on a charge of assault and battery with an auto.

GARY RESIDENT VERY ILL

Residents of Gary were sorry to learn of the serious illness today of Martin Swartz, former owner of the Blitzenoff restaurant, pioneer resident and respected citizen. According to a report this morning Mr. Swartz's illness is confined to a second attack of paralysis. He has been in ill health for a number of years.

NEW ANGLE IN KERR CASE

A new angle developed in the Kerr case in Gary yesterday when John Kerr whom it is said was responsible for a number of sensational stories

appearing recently in the Chicago papers, involving his divorced wife, children and prominent Gary men, was cited for contempt of court in that he had failed to pay \$100 a month to Mrs. Kerr for the children's support. At present he owes some \$700.

He pleaded that his attorneys from Chicago had not arrived and Attorneys Patterson and Crites representing Mrs. Kerr, agreed to a continuance until next Friday at 1:30. In the meantime he agreed to give Mrs. Kerr a reasonable amount to show his good faith.

COMPLETE LEGION HOME PLANS

The Spanish American and Civil war veterans of Gary got the jump on the Gary post of the American Legion in the construction of a permanent home yesterday when they completed plans for the building of a memorial building which will cost approximately

\$175,000. Representatives of the Spanish American war and the Civil war veterans associations completed the purchase of a site from the Gary Land company. It is situated at the corner of Fifth avenue and Connecticut street. There are two lots with a 50 foot frontage on Fifth avenue and are 125 feet deep.

According to the plans the building will be three stories high. The first floor will be rented for mercantile rooms, where the two organizations will occupy the second and third floors. Construction is to be started by summer and completed before fall.

TWO TEXAS BANKS CLOSE

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 11.—Two Texas banks were closed today. The First National bank of Hearne, one of the oldest banking institutions in the

state, blamed crop failures for its action, while the Farmers and Merchants bank of Paducah made no statement. "We thought 1919 hard enough, but we did not then know 1920," said President R. C. Allen of the Hearne bank. "Seven years of crop failures is the cause."

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\$5.95 \$7.95 \$9.85

Many have Petticoats on their Christmas lists this year. And these are of heavy Milanese, Jersey, Satin, Charmeuse and Taffeta and combination of Jersey tops and Taffeta flounces.

The flounces are fashioned with small pleated ruffles and tucks. Also straight line effects.

Colors:—Copen, Purple, Rose, Navy, Black and two-toned effects.

Continuing the Lower Price Sale of Quality

Bed Comforts

In the newest patterns, cut full, double bed size, and filled with quality materials. These Comforts were secured at the new price basis. Choose at a great saving.

You have been expecting lower prices on Comforts, now you have them here.

Slipper Gifts for the Kiddies

Special at \$1 pair

PRETTY FELT SLIPPERS—with leather soles, fancy decorations in blue only. Sizes 5 to 11 and 12 to 2, regular price up to \$1.49 \$1.00

On sale at \$1.00

"CHILD'S BOOTIE,"—in blue felt with leather soles, fancy decorated cuffs. Regular \$1.00 up to \$1.50, sizes 6 to 11, special \$1.00

CHILDREN'S JERSEY LEGGINS—Well fleeced in white and brown. Sizes 4 to 10 69c

Special at 69c

Linen Table Damask

Special for Monday

LINEN TABLE DAMASK, THE GIFT SUPREME—70 inches wide in a wanted range of desirable patterns. An excellent value at this time. All lengths placed in Christmas boxes. \$3.50 quality \$2.35 per yard

Other Monday Specials

INDIAN HEAD—45 inches wide in the regular quality. Special, per yard. 49c

LUNCH CLOTHS—Medium size, dice or striped patterns, mercerized finish \$1.75

SWISS EMBROIDERED TURKISH TOWELS—good size, heavy quality, embroidered in pretty shades of blue, pink and yellow 95c

\$1.29 quality. Each

Women's Musingwear

Union Suits, \$1.69

LADIES MUNSINGWEAR UNION SUITS—Heavy Cream Garments, soft and fleecy. High neck, long sleeve. Selling regular for \$2.50. \$1.69

Very Special, Monday, at \$1.69

Women's Popular

Heather Mixed Wool Hose

at \$1.39

Soft wool Hose in the new prevailing colors for oxford—fine for gifts. \$1.39

Special, Monday, at \$1.39

Children's Mercerized

Lisle Hose at 59c

Very fine ribbed, highly mercerized. Double Soles—brown or black. Low pricing 59c

affords more than one pair.

Lace and Net Guimpes

Special at 98c

A sample of fine lace and net Guimpes that would sell for \$3.00 to \$4.50 regularly. Only 3 dozen in the assortment 98c

at 98c

Special From the Toy Section for Monday

ATTA BOY, THE DANCER

Just watch him dance. Strongly made. Pan Gee, the famous dancer. Highly finished. Special at—

59c

KIDDIE KAR—Well made, steel handle with a horse head. Large size, special at

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WHEELBARROW—Steel box. PIT GAME—A game full of large size, very fun, our special sale price at 49c

49c

Extra Special

\$5.00 CUT GLASS WATER SET—Grape design, complete with 1 pitcher and 6 water tumblers \$2.98

Special per set at \$2.98

EVER-READY SAFETY RAZOR—complete set with blades and razor. Very Special 89c

for this sale, at 89c

\$4.85 THERMOS ICY HOT LUNCH KIT—With pint bottle and metal case. Special \$3.85

for this sale, at \$3.85

"Men's Gifts"—He will Like at Sale Prices

Christmas Ties

Here are cut prices on our stock of the finest Christmas Neckwear we have ever shown:—

\$1.00 Ties Reduced to 75c

\$1.50 Ties Reduced to \$1.00

\$2.00 Ties Reduced to \$1.50

Gloves are Lowered

A carefully selected stock of high grade gloves—now reduced for Christmas:—

\$3.50 Gloves, Reduced to \$3.00

\$4.50 Gloves, Reduced to \$3.50

\$5.00 Gloves, Reduced to \$4.00

Silk and Wool Mufflers

Beautiful silk, wool and knitted Mufflers at Cut Prices for Christmas:—

\$1.50 Mufflers, Reduced to \$1.00

\$2.00 Mufflers, Reduced to \$1.50

\$3.00 Mufflers, Reduced to \$2.25

\$5.00 Mufflers, Reduced to \$3.85

\$7.00 Mufflers, Reduced to \$5.00

Handkerchiefs

Special Holiday Boxes of Initial Handkerchiefs—3 in a box—now cut in price.

\$1.25 a box, reduced to \$1.00

\$1.98 a box of six, now \$1.50

Fibre Silk Hose

First quality, all perfect heavy weight. Black and in colors:—

89c Hose, Reduced to per pair. 50c

Monday Features Children's Flannelette Sleepers

Cozy warm Flannelette Sleepers for children made of extra good quality flannelette in white, pink and blue stripe, drop seat, button front, military collar and pocket. Sizes 4 to 7 with feet. 8 to 14 \$1.39

without feet, all sizes at \$1.39

Infants Silk and Wool Vests are much Lower than Usual

Every mother who knows the real value and comfort derived from using Vanta Baby Garments will appreciate the opportunity to purchase these little silk and wool vests at so low a price as we offer for Thrift Monday \$2.25

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